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June 3, 2017

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## EPFD responds to Condition 2 fire Firefighters respond to Condition 2 fire at 3000 block of San Antonio Ave.

*El Paso, Texas* – At approximately 12:33 p.m. on Saturday June 3, the El Paso Fire Department was dispatched to the 3000 block of E. San Antonio Ave. when neighbors called 9-1-1 to report a house fire. Upon arriving on the scene at 12:37 p.m., crews found heavy smoke and fire coming from the front of a single story house. Firefighters began to simultaneously fight the fire and look for residents inside.

Because the house was vacant, firefighters continued to fight the fire. Crews knocked down the majority of the fire at approximately 1 p.m., but firefighters continued putting out hot spots. The fire was under control at 1:36 p.m. The fire was contained to the house of origin and damage is estimated at \$100,000. The cause and origin of the fire is under investigation.

There were no injuries to residents or firefighters. A total of 12 units and 30 personnel from the El Paso Fire Department responded to this incident. El Paso Police, EP Electric, Texas Gas and El Paso Planning and Inspections assisted with the incident.

The El Paso Fire Department would like to remind the public that in less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and begin filling a home with thick, black, poisonous smoke. In just a few minutes, a home can become completely engulfed with flames. With the advance notice of a working smoke alarm, residents can escape with their lives.

To request fire extinguisher training, help with a home/work escape plan or inquire about smoke alarms, the public can call (915) 485-5699 or visit <a href="www.elpasotexas.gov/fire-department/services">www.elpasotexas.gov/fire-department/services</a>.

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